

# Navarrese Pyrenees

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# What to see

## Orreaga/Roncesvalles and Erro and Esteribar valleys

Many of the villages in these valleys show the influence that the Way of St James has had on its way through them.

- 1. Luzaide/Valcarlos:** linear village, Battle of Roncesvalles exhibition centre.
- 2. Orreaga/Roncesvalles:** Collegiate church (Church of Santa María, Chapel of San Agustín and tomb of Sancho el Fuerte, Charlemagne's silo, Museum-treasure).
- 3. Auritz/Burquete:** linear village, cemetery with funeral steles.
- 4. Aurizberri/Espinal:** linear village, cemetery with funeral steles.
- 5. Sorogain:** natural and megalithic area, and Erro-Roncesvalles mycological park.
- 6. Eugi:** Royal Munitions Factory, Olondo historical reference centre, Quinto Real forest.
- 7. Zubiri:** linear village, bridge "la Rabia", mountain bike centre.

## Arce-Artzibar Valley

The valley connecting the Pyrenees with the Pre-Pyrenees, marked by the meandering Urrobi and Irati rivers and by the Roman Road. Particular mention should be made of its towers, traditional Basque houses, raised granaries, uninhabited villages and panoramic views.

- 8. Arce:** Chapel of Santa María de Arce.

- 9. Nagore:** reservoir and natural area.

## Aezkoa valley

In the northeast of Navarre, the Aezkoa valley is a green expanse of forest and pastures which is home to nine villages: Abaurregaina/Abaurrea Alta, Abaurrepea/Abaurrea Baja,



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Aribe, Aria, Garaioa, Hiriberri/Villanueva de Aezkoa, Garralda, Orbaizeta and Orbara. The valley has 15 of the 22 granaries still standing in Navarre, all declared Sites of Cultural Interest. Some of the most interesting examples are found in Orbaizeta, Aribe, Aria, Hiriberri/Villanueva de Aezkoa and Garaioa.

- 10. Orbaizeta:** Arms factory.

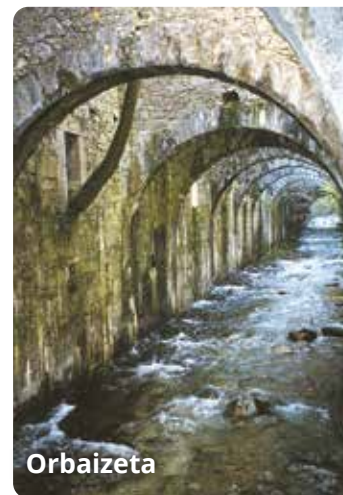
- 11. Abaurrea Alta/Abaurregaina:** Stele museum.

## Salazar valley and Almiradio de Navascués

Fourteen villages line the Salazar River, and they are all characterised by emblazoned houses in stone and wood, steep, flat-tiled, gable and hip roofs to allow the snow to slide off, cobbled streets and Romanesque churches: Ezcároz, Esparza, Gallués, Güesa, Ibiz, Ibilcieta, Igal, Izal, Izalzu, Jaurrieta, Ochagavía, Oronz, Sarriés and Uscarrés in the Salazar valley; and Ustés, Navascués and Aspuz in Almiradio.

- 12. Ochagavía:** picturesque village, Nature Interpretation Centre, Chapel of Muskilda and access to the Irati Forest.

- 13. Jaurrieta:** Jaurrieta museum.



Orbaizeta

- 14. Navascués:** Gorge of Benasa and Chapel of Santa María del Campo.

- 15.** 13.5 km from Ochagavía, on the Larrau-France road, located in the Abodi-Irati mountain activities centre, offering access to the Irati Forest.

## 16. Irati Forest

This natural treasure, the second largest and best preserved beech-fir forest in Europe, can be accessed from the valleys of Aezkoa and Salazar, and is home to the Irabia reservoir and countless trails you can follow on foot, by bike or on horseback. Special flora and fauna, forest products, wild mushroom reserve.

## Roncal valley

The Roncal valley is the easternmost point of Navarre, and the Esca River serves as the backbone of its harmonious set of villages, forests, pastures and rocky outcrops. The seven villages



Nagore



Irati Forest



Isaba



Julián Gaxarre mausoleum

in the Roncal valley all exhibit Pyrenean architecture: Burgui, Vidángoz, Garde, Roncal, Urzainqui, Isaba and Uztárroz. Typical Pyrenean houses whose doorways, coats of arms and sturdy walls all hint at the rich history their stones conceal. Thanks to the lack of light pollution, the Roncal valley is a certified 'Starlight Tourist Destination', an outstanding place from which to observe the night sky. In this valley there is a wide network of trails and a BTT space.

- 17. Burgui:** Gorge of Burgui, Timber-rafting museum, Village of trades exhibition.

- 18. Roncal:** Julián Gaxarre mausoleum, Julián Gaxarre museum, Nature Interpretation Centre.

- 19. Isaba:** House of memory.

- 20. Uztárroz:** Gorge of Mintxate, cheese museum.

- 21. Larra-Belagua:** nature reserve, Larra-Belagua mountain centre.

## Festivals and traditions



Bolantes



Timber-rafting day



Ochagavía Dancers

- Bolantes** in Luzaide/Valcarlos: Easter Sunday.
- Timber-rafting Day** in Burgui: May.
- Pilgrimages to Orreaga/Roncesvalles:** May, June and September.
- Cattle branding** in Sorogain: May.
- Tribute of the Three Cows** in Belagua: 13 July.
- Axuri Beltza - Virgin Blanca** in Jaurrieta: 15 August.
- The Witch's Descent** in Vidángoz: last weekend in August.
- Orhipean** in Ochagavía: last weekend in August.
- Ochagavía Dancers - Pilgrimage to Muskilda** in Ochagavía: September.

## Gastronomy

The gastronomic possibilities on offer in the Roncal, Aezkoa and Salazar valleys are varied and very much in line with local traditions and customs.

Beef and foal steaks, lamb cutlets, Navarre-style trout, txistorra sausage, **Salazar-style migas** (shepherds' breadcrumbs) and relleno from the Esteribar valley are just some of the specialities which normally feature on the menu at the restaurants in the area.

In winter, seasonal products lengthen the list of delicacies with game (wild boar, venison, pigeon, etc.) and wild mushrooms (dark ceps, St. George's mushrooms or perretxikos).

And don't miss the chance to try some latxa sheep's cheese, which is made in all these valleys, **Roncal cheese** being the first to receive its own Spanish cheese Denomination of Origin.



Shepherds' breadcrumbs



## Websites of interest

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## Essential trails in Navarre



## Street map of Orreaga/Roncesvalles

